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The Honorable John Thune, Chairman
The Honorable Bill Nelson, Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Thune, Nelson and Members of the Committee,

It is my great pleasure to endorse the nomination of Barry Lee Myers for Under-Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He possesses the strategic vision, business management and executive leadership skills to help strengthen NOAA and improve its critical services to the Nation.

Barry possesses a background uniquely tailored to serve as the NOAA Administrator. He excelled for many years as an all-star professor at a leading business school while also accumulating comprehensive knowledge of meteorology gained from long term involvement with the leading commercial weather company of our time. He then went on to prove his outstanding leadership and management capabilities as the AccuWeather CEO.

Based on my experience as a former NOAA Administrator from 2001 – 2008, and now involved in leading an environmental data enterprise, I view Barry as an ideal candidate for this assignment. I urge his confirmation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.".

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